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In re Application of: Belef et al.

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For: RAPID EXCHANGE SHEATH FOR DEPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL DEVICES AND METHODS OF USE

Docket No.: 1001.1424101

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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We are transmitting herewith the attached Patent Application including the following:

[X] 18 sheet(s) of specification.

Please amend the specification by inserting, immediately before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" on page 1 thereof, the sentence --This application hereby claims the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/262,136 filed on January 16, 2001.--

[X] 57 claim(s).

[X] 1 sheet(s) of Abstract.

[X] 14 sheet(s) of informal drawings.

[X] Executed Declaration.

[X] Executed Statement Under 37CFR 3.73(b) and Executed Power of Attorney.

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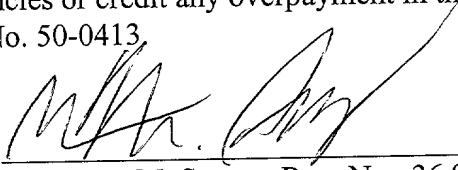
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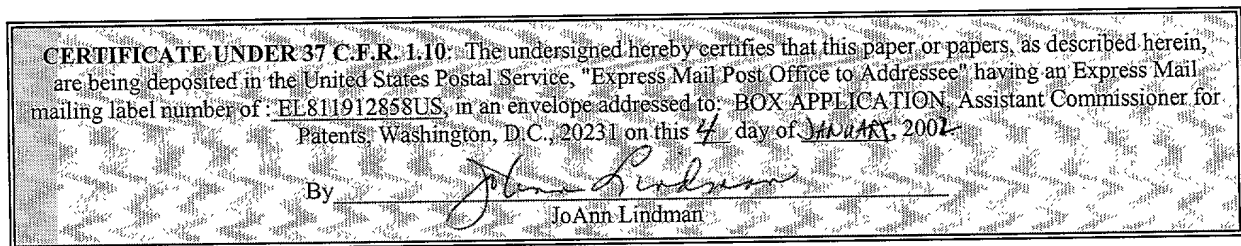
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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Sir:




SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., a corporation, states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an Assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. A true and correct copy of the original Assignment is attached.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee. Attached is a true and correct copy of a Limited Authorization to Act on Behalf of Assignee.

12/28/01

Date



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SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, WE, ROSS S. TSUGITA, a citizen of U.S.A., and W. MARTIN BELEF, a citizen of U.S.A. (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS"), have invented a RAPID EXCHANGE SHEATH FOR DEPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL DEVICES AND METHODS OF USE for which application for Letters Patent of the United States of America has been executed on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota and having its place of business at One Scimed Place, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311-1566 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under any Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and to all Letters Patent or application or similar legal protection, not only in the United States and its territorial possessions, but in all countries foreign thereto, to be obtained for said invention by said application, and to any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in the United States or a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including all priority rights under the International Convention; and ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent or any legal equivalent thereof to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in

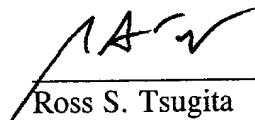
accordance with this Assignment.

ASSIGNORS hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Agreement;

ASSIGNORS further covenant that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNORS and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents in the United States or in any foreign country, which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the ASSIGNORS have executed this Assignment at:

Mountain View, CA
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Ross S. Tsugita

March 5, 2001
Date

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(City)

W. Martin Belef

Date